IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with <u>strikethrough</u>. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-3; and ADD new claims 9-13 in accordance with the following:

1. (Original) A resin-cemented optical element comprising a base member and a resin layer formed on a surface of the base member, wherein:

said resin layer is in a thickness of 300 μm or smaller at least at a part of a region within 1 mm from the peripheral edge face of the resin layer; and

said resin layer is in a thickness of 850 μm or larger at a position which is thickest in said resin layer.

2. (Currently Amended) The-A resin-cemented optical element comprising a base member and a resin layer formed on a surface of the base member, wherein:

said resin layer is in a thickness of 300 μm or smaller at least at a part of a region outside an effective-diameter region; and

said resin layer is in a thickness of 850 μm or larger at a position which is thickest in that layer.

3. (Currently Amended) The resin-cemented optical element according to claim 2, wherein:

at least at a part of the region outside an effective-diameter region, said resin layer has a thickness which becomes gradually smaller toward the <u>a</u> periphery.

- 4. (Withdrawn) A mold for molding a resin layer of a resin-cemented optical element having a base member and said resin layer formed on the surface of the base member, wherein said mold has, on the outer periphery on the outside of a molding surface, a concavely curved surface which has a curvature larger than the molding surface.
- 5. (Original) An optical article comprising the resin-cemented optical element according to claim 1.

- 6. (Original) An optical article comprising the resin-cemented optical element according to claim 2.
- 7. (Original) An optical article comprising the resin-cemented optical element according to claim 3.
- 8. (Withdrawn) A fabrication process for a resin-cemented optical element having a base member and a resin layer formed on the surface of the base member, comprising,

a step of molding said resin layer with a mold having, on the outer periphery on the outside of a molding surface, a concavely curved surface which has a curvature larger than the molding surface.

- 9. (New) The resin-cemented optical element according to claim 1, wherein said resin layer is made by molding.
- 10. (New) The resin-cemented optical element according to claim 2, wherein said resin layer is made by molding.
- 11. (New) The resin-cemented optical element according to claim 1, wherein said base member has a molding surface that is one of convex and concave.
- 12. (New) The resin-cemented optical element according to claim 2, wherein said base member has a molding surface that is one of convex and concave.
- 13. (New) A resin-cemented optical element, comprising: a resin layer formed on a surface of a base member, the resin layer having a thickness of 300 μm or smaller at least at a part of a region within 1 mm from a peripheral edge face of the resin layer, and a maximum thickness of at least 850 μm.
 - 14. (New) A resin-cemented optical element, comprising: a resin layer formed on a surface of a base member, the resin layer having a diameter of at least 34 mm,

Serial No. 09/995,832

a thickness of 300 μm or smaller at least at a part of a region within 1 mm from a peripheral edge face of the resin layer, and a maximum thickness of at least 850 μm .